



In the Loop: Number 4

The World of Young People

Welcome to the YWU's fortnightly bulletin aiming to keep members up to date with the latest developments. This is e-mailed to staff in Local Authorities & voluntary organisations.

Youth Work Unit Y&H - Stringer House, 34 Lupton Street, Leeds LS10 2QW.
Office open: Tues, Weds & Thurs. ☎0113 270 3595, theunit@youthworkunit.com
Web: www.youthworkunit.com Twitter: [@YouthWorkUnit](https://twitter.com/YouthWorkUnit)

19th February 2019

Please share *In the Loop* with your colleagues and partner organisations

Youth Work Unit News

Thanks to all who took part in last Saturday's **Children in Care Council's networking event for young people** from across our region which was held in Wakefield.

Our next networking event is this coming Saturday at the University of Huddersfield:

Young People's LGBT+ network group: the **University of Huddersfield** this **Saturday 23rd February**. An event for LGBT+ young people aged 11—25 from across the Yorkshire and Humber region. Meet other young people; share the work you have been doing in your own groups:
[All participants must book a place here. Places are free](#)

Yorkshire & Humber News

North Yorkshire is the best Local Authority in Britain for tackling anti-LGBT bullying and celebrating difference in its schools, according to the charity Stonewall. The County leads the way in supporting LGBT young people: "[North Yorkshire has been ahead of the game](#)"

Video - Young people stage climate change protest in York. It's thought up to 70-thousand children worldwide have walked out of classrooms in protest at climate change. This was the scene in York at St Helen's Square: [Young People protest in York](#)

Plans to attract young people to the Yorkshire Dales. Attempts to keep young people in the Dales are underway. A fund of £100k has been earmarked for a plan which aims to reverse the trend of youngsters and families migrating away from the rural areas:
[Plan to attract – and retain – young people in the Dales has been given the go ahead](#)

Youth Voice Yorkshire and Humber

Meet the new representatives of young people in North Lincolnshire after more than 7,300 votes cast in elections. The new young mayor and Member of Youth Parliament for North Lincolnshire have been elected after votes were cast by students at schools and colleges across the area:
[Meet MYP Julija Solovjova and young mayor Levi Bonnett](#)

National News

'I don't want to see young people faced with the terrible choice of hard left or hard right': MP Ann Coffey explains why she left the Labour party. The long-standing Labour MP says doubts over the direction of the Labour party have 'overwhelmed' her:

["I want the social democrat policy to be there for the next generation"](#)

How the tobacco industry targets young people with social media influencers. Shady campaigns across Instagram and other platforms are trying to make smoking aspirational to millennials worldwide:

[Big tobacco brands "have secretly infiltrated the world of 'influencer marketing'"](#)

Black pupils 'more likely to be diagnosed with special needs' Black Caribbean and Pakistani pupils are also over-represented in terms of the identification of moderate learning difficulties:

["Could see their education suffer as a result"](#)

Government targets young people with care worker careers in new campaign. There are 110,000 vacancies in the workforce – a figure which is expected to rise by an additional 650,000 by 2035 due to an ageing population: [The government has launched The "Every Day is Different" campaign](#)

Lightsaber duelling registered as official sport in France. Emulating Star Wars combatants will encourage young people to engage in regular exercise, says French Fencing Federation:

["Combatting the Dark Side: the sedentary habits of 21st-century life"](#)

One in four councils plan children's services cuts. Around a quarter of councils are planning cuts in children's care services this year as they struggle to cope with austerity and rising demand, a survey has found: [No change there then](#)

'It is our future': children call time on climate inaction in UK. Thousands of young people took time out of school to join protests across the country: [Crowds were seen across the north of England](#)

[Climate Action website](#)

Boost school support for forces children, charity says. Children of armed forces parents should get more support when transitioning between schools, with teachers better trained to recognise their needs:

["Pupils regularly have to change schools and experience a parent being away from home, for long periods"](#)

Reports and Studies

Tough cannabis policies do not deter young people – study. Analysis of more than 100,000 teenagers found no link between liberal policies and higher use. "The harms and costs of imposing criminal convictions on people who use cannabis do not seem to be justified by an effect in reducing cannabis use"

[Mexico appears set to become the third country, after Uruguay and Canada, to legalise cannabis](#)

Young people under-represented in the arts, research finds. Detailed information on the demographics of the creative workforce has been released for the first time in seven years:

["The youngest segment of the UK workforce is still significantly under-represented in cultural professions"](#)

Health

'Young people hold the power': the movement against FGM – in pictures. More than 200 million women and girls have undergone female genital mutilation and about 3 million more are at risk every year. Africa has the highest numbers, but its young people are fighting back:

["This is a global issue. People need to come together to end FGM"](#)

Is young people's mental health getting worse? Poor mental health among children and young people has been described as an epidemic and an "escalating crisis". The number of children seeking help from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, has more than doubled over the past two years:

[Young women aged 17-19 were two-thirds more likely than younger girls to experience poor mental health](#)

How coaching can help young people's mental health. "Helping young people to develop their own 'toolkit' to good mental health can contribute to the prevention of later struggles".

["The Foundation believes that many mental health problems are preventable"](#)

Events

Young People's LGBT+ network group: The next meeting will be held at the University of Huddersfield on **Saturday 23rd February**. An event for LGBT+ young people aged 11—25 from across the Yorkshire and Humber region. Meet other young people; share the work you have been doing in your own groups: [All participants must book a place here. Places are free](#)

Centre for Youth Impact Yorkshire and Humber Network meeting. Emma Pears from *SELFA*, a children's charity, based in Skipton, North Yorkshire, will be joining us to relate their success story and share good practice. There will also be a training input: *Evaluation & Planning – When and How?* There will be an update on the *Youth Programme Quality Intervention* pilots - an exciting new development: [Book your place here - Free](#)

This year's Institute of Youth Work (IYW) conference is taking place in Brighton, it will be an opportunity to celebrate their conference theme: **Coastal Youth Work. 2nd march 2019** University of Brighton: [In the service of youth - Making waves in Youth Work](#)

Supporting Children Who are Missing and Criminally Exploited. This event is especially relevant for anyone working with children who are being exploited or are at risk of being criminally exploited including: police, social care workers, criminal justice system and voluntary sector: [Thursday 7th March in York](#)

Date for diaries: Calderdale Pride 22nd June 2019 – The Piece Hall, Halifax

LGBT History Month is Every February. It is now LGBT History Month 2019. This year the theme is **Peace, Activism and Reconciliation**. The Proud Trust is absolutely thrilled to bring you the LGBT History Month Resource and Education Pack: [Lots and lots of resources for you to use](#)

Theatre

Boundless Theatre are a theatre company which creates work for 15 – 25 year olds that responds to a vibrant and diverse global culture. They are currently touring *Drip*, a one-man musical comedy, across the UK and we will be at **The Holbeck, Leeds on March the 10th**. The show is a joyful celebration of LGBTQ+ teenagers: **See the flyer attached to the email.**

Blogs and Comment

Britain could de-radicalise Shamima Begum. Many are calling for the ISIS recruit to be shown no mercy, but treating at-risk young people as individuals has to be the better path. The discredited counter-radicalisation strategy, Prevent, was meant to stem the recruitment of "home-grown" terrorists: ['Keeping Begum out would be a propaganda boon for Isis when their powers are otherwise waning'](#)

Inspired and Inspiring, Young People will Change the World. We are living amongst the largest generation of young people in history; young people who are better educated, better informed and more widely connected than ever before. Around **42%** of the world's population is under 25 years of age, 25% are under 15 – that's 1.8 billion: ["This huge army of young people is cause for great optimism"](#)

Vacancies

The very latest Youth Work related vacancies in Yorkshire and the Humber: [Jobs in our region](#)

Fearless Youth Outreach Worker – Sheffield. 22.5 hours per week. 12 months - Fixed Term Contract Home based. **Closing date:** midnight on the 3rd of March 2019 [Application process & details](#)

Resources

NICE Quality Standard: Child abuse and neglect. This quality standard covers recognizing, assessing and responding to abuse and neglect of children and young people under 18. It covers physical, sexual and emotional abuse. This quality standard describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. [Child abuse and neglect. Published date: February 2019](#)

It's LGBT History Month:
[Resources for LGBT History Month](#)

European Exchange and Partnership Opportunities – Eurodesk

Eurodesk Opportunity finder. Find your next opportunity to travel abroad. Don't miss out. Look at the range of current opportunities for young people and for youth workers:
[Learning, volunteering, travelling and working](#)

The 2019 deadline for Erasmus+ Key Action 2 Strategic Partnerships funding applications on 21st March is fast approaching. Use the remaining time wisely – check out our wide range of resources, including webinars with live Q&As, guidance notes and one-to-one support calls, to make sure you submit a high-quality application: [Access the resources](#)

If you're aged between 17 and 30 and would like help make society a little better, register with the European Solidarity Corps. On 4 February, Parliament's culture and education committee voted in favour of new priorities for the European Solidarity Corps' programme for 2021-2027:
["Aims to be the EU's main entry point for young people wanting to volunteer or work on projects to benefit communities"](#)

A tool for community building: intercultural cooking evening. Ideas of how to, very simply, and with no specific experience of facilitation, bring a bit of dynamism and glue to your community. We thought we'd talk about this: the magical role of food to build bridges between cultures and people:
[Invite people to share their food culture](#)

Consultation

Help shape the National Occupational Standards for Youth Work. Would you like to help develop the national occupational standards (NOS) which are the benchmark used to confirm competence for those working in job roles in the Youth Work Sector?
[The online consultation will be running from now until 12 noon 22 February 2019.](#)

Aged 14-24? Tell us what you think about study, work and life. The Youth Voice Census will ask a range of questions about you and your experience in education, careers and work experience;
[The survey will take between 20 and 40 minutes](#)

Funding

Consortium is pleased to announce the launch of LGBT+ Futures Fund small grants programme to support LGBT+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans+) voluntary and community organisations across England. Applications are now open, with the deadline for receiving applications **Wednesday 6th March**:
[Start the process](#)

**YWU is a charitable company limited by guarantee Registered in England and Wales
Company number 4435334 Charity number 1096951
Patron: Richard Earl of Scarborough**